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Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, USA Director, Defense Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Sam:

I want to express my appreciation to you for the effective role the Defense Intelligence Agency played as my executive agent for the first National Intelligence Situation Report effort.

Thank you also for your 20 August memorandum to me on U. S. intelligence collection against North Korea. It was a useful summary of the Community-wide status of intelligence collection against North Korea at the height of the crisis. This kind of periodic summary of collection efforts by my executive agent for the National Intelligence Situation Report will help to assure that with the support of my collection committees, I can fully coordinate collection and production in a crisis situation.

I understand that you are conducting a review of the Situation Report Task Force exercise from DIA's vantage point as executive agent. The Intelligence Community Staff's Office of Performance Evaluation and Improvement is also reviewing the Task Force effort with a view to finding ways to improve its procedures to assure its effectiveness in future crisis situations.

One problem which has already surfaced is the difficulty which the Task Force had in obtaining information on the status of approved U. S. military operations. While both reviews will probably address this problem, I would welcome your personal views on how we could assure complete and full information flow to such task forces in the future.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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